I. **TITLE:** Interior Design Professional Experience

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**
Visiting showrooms and participating in dialogue with showroom representatives. Interacting with interior design professionals. Prerequisites: Must be interior design student and have approval of your advisor.

III. **PURPOSE:**
To provide students with an opportunity to attend an interior design market or other interior design and/or related business in the area to supplement their professional skills preparation.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**
Student will:
A. spend a minimum of eight (8) hours at market or other interior design and/or related businesses in the area.
B. identify types of codes and how to apply them.
C. attend assigned seminars.
D. write a paper stating what was learned from the experience.
E. Prior to the trip, conduct library/internet research on the companies. Type a one to two (1-2) page paper on what the research revealed.

NOTE: All expenses of the trip will be paid by the student.

V. **COURSE OUTLINE:**
A. Trends in market
B. Buying procedures
C. Seminar topics (variety)
D. Showroom layout
E. Product knowledge/quality
F. Publicity events
G. Career opportunities
H. Market lines
I. Specifying products for interiors
J. Types of codes

VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**
A. Discussion
B. Independent study
C. Observation
D. Recording and evaluating experience

VII. **FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:**
Complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of showroom visits, seminar attendance, etc. at market or other businesses in the area.
VIII. **RESOURCES:**
A. Markets or other career related businesses
B. Specific showroom personnel
C. Other business facilities

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**
A. Students must complete a minimum of eight (8) hours at showroom/business sites.
B. Students must attend planning sessions prior to departure.
C. Students must conduct research on at least two (2) companies visited.
D. Course grade will be based as follows:
   1. Attendance - 50%
   2. Paper on two (2) companies - 20%
   3. Final paper - 30%
E. The papers will be graded as follows:
   1. Content - 50%
   2. Punctuation - 10%
   3. Grammar - 20%
   4. Spelling - 10%
   5. Format - 10%
F. Undergraduate students taking the course for more than one (1) credit hour must complete additional work approved by the instructor prior to departure for market.
G. Grading scale: 92 - 100 = A; 91 - 84 = B; 93 - 75 = C; 74 - 60 = D; 50 - 0 = E.

X. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**
This course will adhere to the policy published in the MSU Undergraduate Bulletin. Students must attend planning sessions and complete assignments prior to departure as well as complete the market experience.

XI. **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:**
This course will adhere to the policy published in the MSU Undergraduate Bulletin. Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person's material as one's own), or doing work for another person which will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination; the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports or term papers; or the presentation of unacknowledged material as if it were the student's own work. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the academic discipline administered by the faculty member who teaches the course in which the cheating took place.

XII. **TEXT AND REFERENCES:**
Library materials, internet and materials obtained from individual businesses. **NO REQUIRED TEXT.**

XIII. **PREREQUISITES:**
Must be an interior design student and have approval of your advisor.
XIV. STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:
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